

June 11, 2014

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectman Glee McAnanly. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Crouse called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mrs. McAnanly to approve the May 7, 2014 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mrs. McAnanly to approve the May 21, 2014 special Stonington Resource Recovery Authority meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mrs. McAnanly to approve the May 21, 2014 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.

(3) Public Hearing – to discuss the 2014 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Applications

Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance briefly explained the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit. Rick Newton from the Avalonia Land Conservancy, Kathryn Burchenal from the Stonington COMO briefly explained their respective applications. Mrs. Stevens gave a brief explanation of the two applications submitted from Stonington Public Schools.

(4) Approval of the 2014 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the applications.

(5) Comments from the Public

Mrs. Virginia McCormack spoke about the article in The Day on May 16, 2014 regarding Rick Newton's concern with the positions taken by a couple of members of the Conservation Commission on a particular issue. She stated at that point she realized that is precisely why we need an Ethics Commission to give residents a place to take concerns about possible conflicts. Mrs. McCormack also stated that the Town Charter states that there shall be a Code of Ethics Commission with 5 members but the Code of Ethics is not listed anywhere on the town website. Mrs. McCormack read portions of Attorney Kepple's opinion dated May 13, 2009. She read he stated "I am of the opinion that the charter unequivocally requires the appointment of an Ethics Commission and that the ordinance should be amended to bring it into conformity with the charter. Mrs. McCormack further stated that Attorney Kepple went on to remind them that "there shall be a Code of Ethics Commission with the charter. Mrs. McCormack asked what the Selectmen whether there was any follow up to Nick's opinion. Mr. Haberek stated that one of the things that we do have is the ability for an Ethics Commission to be convened if there is an ethics violation. Attorney Londregan stated that the way the Ethics Ordinance eventually came down from the one that was proposed it got down to the point where they wanted it to go to the Town Attorney to see if there was probable cause then a commission is established. Mrs. McCormack stated that's in conflict with the charter. Attorney Londregan stated that if you wanted to name 5 people stand-by to be on

that those are the people you go to. Mr. Haberek stated he had no problem taking a look at it and asked Attorney Londregan to do some research on it.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Superintendent Van Riley regarding the West Broad Street School building assessment.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Rick Newton stating his concern regarding the Conservation Commission's vote to recommend the transfer of \$200,000.00 of the town land acquisition fund to the Stonington Land Trust for the purchase of development rights of portions of the Davis family funds.

(7) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignation

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Stuart Schwartzstein to the POCD Implementation Committee.

K-12 Building Committee

A motion was made by Mrs. McAnanly to appoint Alisa Morrison to the K-12 Building Committee. There was no second.

Shellfish Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Tessa Getchis to the Shellfish Commission.

Economic Development Commission

The Selectmen acknowledged Les Bray's resignation from the Economic Development Commission.

(8) Old Business

Discussion – Nuisance Ordinance

Attorney Londregan stated that the only change to the last draft of the Nuisance Ordinance was the fine was changed from \$100.00 to \$75.00 but he was going to go with the Chief's recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to send this ordinance to town meeting.

Discussion – Peddlers Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to send this ordinance to town meeting.

(9) New Business

Resolution – Appointment of Trustee for Town of Stonington Retirement Plan

Maryanna Stevens stated that Bank of America was the trustee for years but will no longer be providing this service and Wells Fargo was recommended. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution appointing Wells Fargo as the Trustee for the Town of Stonington Retirement Plan.

Wooden Boat Show Request for the Use of the 4th District Voting Hall

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the request for the use of the 4th District Voting Hall for overflow parking from June 26, 2014 to June 30, 2014 during the Wooden Boat Show.

Hinckley Associates LLC Tax Abatement

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Linda Camelio, Tax Collector requesting an abatement of taxes listed under Hinckley Associates, LLC c/o Westerly Water Company in the amount of \$2,280.12. The request stated that the developer of a parcel of land that connects Pequot

Court to Marie Avenue was supposed to deed the parcel to the Town of Stonington when the water main was hooked up but never did. A deed has now been recorded on the land records. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to abate the taxes.

(10)Comments from the Public

- Mr. Henri Gourd asked how the Town of Westerly can have property in the Town of Stonington.
- Mr. Haberek stated that the Westerly Water Company services our area so they have an easement along Pequot Court when they built it.

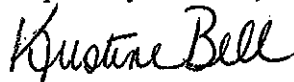
(11)Comments from the Selectmen

- Mrs. McAnanly stated that she was taken aback before by our Building K-12 thing so she wanted to go back to it. Mrs. McAnanly stated the letter from Mr. Todisco dated May 9, 2014 stated that it was unanimous. She stated that they only put forward one name citing that her professional qualifications and ability to bring expertise to the committee were the reasons they had asked for Alisa Morrison to sit on that committee. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she was concerned that we haven't had a Board of Ed member on the K-12 Committee since November when Faith resigned. Mrs. McAnanly further stated that she hopes they are going to work really hard to get somebody seated on that a lot sooner than later since it's been nearly 6 months that we've not had the Board of Ed representation on a school building project.
- Mr. Crouse stated that school people have been there like Bill King, Van Riley, etc., etc., etc.
- Mrs. McAnanly thanked Mrs. McCormack for talking about ethics. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she thinks it is absolutely something that should be looking at having a seat ethics Commission.

(12)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary